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SUBJECT: GROC/SAUDI RELATIONS: PUBLIC STATEMENTS FOLLOWING
THE DEATH OF KING FAISAL

1. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS, ON MARCH 25 AFTER
LEARNING OF THE DEATH OF KING FAISAL, FAWZI A.
SHOBOKSHI, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN EMBASSY
IN TAIPEI, SAID THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND
TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE ROC AND SAUDI
ARABIA WILL REMAIN UNAFFECTED NO MATTER WHO ASSUMES THE
SAUDI THRONE. HE ADDED THAT NO SUCCESSOR WILL CHANGE
THE NATIONAL POLICY OF SAUDI ARABIA.

2. FORMER GROC AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA TIEN PAO-TAI
ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE KING'S DEATH WOULD NOT
AFFECT THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STABILITY OF SAUDI ARABIA
NOR ALTER THE FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: WHILE SHOBOKSHI WAS PROBABLY SPEAKING
WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, HIS STATEMENT WILL HELP TO
REASSURE THE ROC OF CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS WHICH,
IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SAUDI ARABIA IS THE MAJOR SUPPLIER

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